

# **MONTHS ON EASTER ISLAND.**

**Shipwrecked Crew Rescued After  
Spending Half a Year There.**

**NORFOLK ISLAND.** Australasia, Dec. 30.—The shipwrecked crew of the schooner *El Dorado* of San Francisco, after a forced stay of six months on Easter Island, were picked up and rescued by the *Knight of the Garter*, a British steamer while she was making the voyage from Valparaiso to Newcastle, New South Wales.

The *El Dorado*, which left Columbia River on April 1 for Antofagasta, was abandoned at sea on June 13, and her crew of eleven men made their way in a boat to Easter Island. The place is practically uninhabited, and is out of all trade routes. The Captain, N. Benson, decided therefore, to risk another voyage in his small boat, and, with three volunteers, set out to sea, leaving his two mates, the ship's cook, and four sailors behind. He set off, and after a twenty-eight-day voyage reached Paapeete, one of the Society Islands, on Nov. 5, when he reported the predicament of his shipmates.

Nothing further was heard of the shipwrecked men till the arrival at the cable station here of the *Knight of the Garter*, which had the rest of the *El Dorado's* crew on board.

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